

and at the same time discourage the efforts of the target fish to escape.

Accordingly, there is provided a collapsible small fish trap and holding system which can be easily assembled and disassembled with a minimum of effort and which can be stored in a minimum of space.

CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

1. An improved collapsible fish trapping and holding system including a substantially multi-cylindrical shaped receptacle having a centrally located feed compartment and two or more semi-cylindrical chambers attached to the centrally located feed compartment which comprises:

- (a) a substantially multi-cylindrical floating top panel;
- (b) a substantially multi-cylindrical bottom panel slightly smaller than the top panel;
- (c) a substantially multi-cylindrical reinforcing or rigidifying ring slightly smaller than the bottom panel;
- (d) a collapsible, flexible net vertical side panel connected to the top panel and bottom panel;
- (e) the multi-cylindrical ring would be attached approximately in the middle of the net side panel;
- (f) a funnel which is created when two semi-cylindrical chambers are adjacent to each other they will form a converging conical shaped entrance that serves as a funnel into the trap steps;
- (g) the fish trap entrance gate is the net vertical side panel at said funnel;
- (h) the fish doors are attached to the net with a self locking cable tie, the unused portion of the tie acts as an obstacle to target fish leaving through the trap door tie are;
- (i) the cable ties are attached from the inside of the trap, the end of the cable tie is not cut and will remain as an obstacle to fish trying to leave the trap by means of the fish doors;
- (j) all parts, with the exception of the net side panel are made of a rigid plastic or fiberglass;
- (k) the net side panel is comprised of a nylon or other man made material that is for use in the salt water.

2. The improved collapsible fish trapping and holding system of claim 1 where the individual components fit into the top or bottom panel to form a small compact package.

3. The improved collapsible fish trapping and holding system of claim 1 where the invention can be used as a decoy cage to attract predator game fish.